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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING
 ROTATION OF OPTICAL RECORDING
 MEDIUM AT TWO OR MORE
 ROTATIONAL SPEEDS, AND
 STORAGE APPARATUS EMPLOYING
 SAME METHOD (As amended)

Art Unit: 2655

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